

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

A ten-dollar bill in the contribution box is passing strange.

You will find out eventually that you will eventually be found out.

It is always easy by agreeing with her to make a woman change her mind.

The horse will always be necessary if only to haul automobiles to the repair shop.

Cranberry growers have organized a trust. It will be a sort of feeder for the turkey trust.

A nice, comfortable sort of wife to have is one who doesn't want to buy your ties for you.

Why should anybody commit suicide when it is so easy to meet the fool that rocks the boat?

A Washington scientific sharp now says that it is healthful to eat green fruit. All boys know that.

Kaiser Wilhelm will be glad to get the Carnegie library. It will be a good place to store ammunition in.

Chief Wiley means well, but he really ought to have learned that the anti-lie joke antedates his administration.

Thread has increased in price, but man has grown used to using shingle nails and paper fasteners instead of having buttons sewn on.

John Jacob Astor, of the Automobile Club of America, is a moving spirit in the organization of the American Highway Improvement association, which is now being effected.

Few Yale graduates get married before they are nearly 30. By that time they discover that they cannot make the world over, so they are content to settle down and enjoy themselves.

You should handle your best friends like your cash, says the Baltimore American, which leads the Chicago Record-Herald to ask: Can one have best friends in addition to one's cash.

The Japanese are reported to be increasing in stature, measurements showing that they have gained more than an inch during the latest generation. Heavens! In addition to the other things they are doing are the Japs going to become giants?

The example of the Decatur county, Illinois farmers in organizing a game protective association is worthy of being followed elsewhere. It has been pretty clearly demonstrated by investigators that the quail is worth a good deal more as a crop protector than as an article of food.

British Ambassador Bryce is not one of those who believe the great republic a failure. He has traveled about a bit among our people and has studied our institutions with pains-taking care, and he says: "The American people have shown ability for self-government greater than any people on earth." And as that is the opinion of an expert in governments, it may be taken as an exceptionally significant tribute.

Beggars in Persia ride on donkeys and often make long journeys. How they manage to obtain these useful animals, or even to exist themselves, beyond European comprehension. The Persian tramp, astride his donkey, will journey as far as Meshed or Mecca, when he returns with the proud title of "Hadjil." Useful as the donkey is to his mendicant master, he latter often treats him in a most brutal fashion. When the unfortunate animal needs encouragement a piece of chain is a frequent substitute or a whip.

Judge Uriah M. Rose, of Arkansas, one of the American delegates to the Hague conference, is regarded as one of the most scholarly lawyers in America. His writings, speeches and public orations, dealing with the subject of jurisprudence in general, but particularly with international relations, have marked him as a man most minutely fitted to uphold American dignity and interests at the conference. He is a Kentuckian by birth, and for the past quarter of a century he has been in the foremost rank of Arkansas bar.

Enforcement of the imperial decree against the use of opium has begun in China. All opium dens in Peking have been closed, and the viceroy of the province of Pechili has ordered all local magistrates to establish hospitals for the reception of poor persons, who will be maintained free of charge and treated for the cure of the drug habit. This is in accordance with the plan outlined last November by the dowager empress. In other provinces the results are not so satisfactory, but there has been a perceptible decrease in the use of the drug.

Dom Carlos, king of Portugal, is said to be genial, sunny-tempered, kind-hearted and generous. He is a man of exceedingly broad-minded and liberal views on the subjects of government or of religion, and is happy in his domestic relations.

Mr. Dooley exclaims, "Why, be hivy, it won't be long till we'll have to threaten 'em the Chinese dactil!" certainly won't if John keeps on getting ready to enforce his human right "dactil" treatment. And that is all folks.

The prince regent of Sweden is the latest expert tennis player among the rulers of Europe. His enthusiasm for the game has resulted in the construction of the best covered court in Europe, where he engages in matches with any player worthy of his prowess, either noble or commoner.

The Kaiser objects to modern streets Berlin and other European cities because their sky lines are too even and dull. He ought to see skyscrapers in little, low buildings in the typical American jumble.

NO DOUBT IT WILL BE EMBARRASSING.



To Be Recognized in Open Court as Owner of That Little Octopus.

DECRY WAR TALK

DISTINGUISHED JAPANESE DECLARE AGAINST HOSTILITIES.

THEY SEE NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

Ambassador Aoki Says There Exists No Difficulty or Ill Feeling of Whatever Sort.

New York, N. Y.—Two distinguished Japanese took occasion to declare in no uncertain terms that there were no unfriendly issues between the United States and Japan, and to decry the undue importance attributed by some to trivial incidents.

The champions of peace and friendship between the two countries were Admiral Baron Yamamoto, a guest of the city, and Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, who came over from Washington Thursday morning to attend the reception and luncheon given by the Japan Society of America in honor of Admiral Yamamoto.

In the course of a formal statement, Ambassador Aoki said:

"There exists between the two governments no difficulty or ill feeling of whatever sort. There is not the slightest cause for anxiety in the American-Japanese relations; and, if there is any anxiety it is not because of the actual existence of any difficulty between the two countries, but because of the demagogic influence of some unwarranted press talk, that often tends to drive even the calmest temper of the public into a whirl of tempestuous rage."

Speaking at the luncheon at the Hotel Astor, Admiral Yamamoto spoke in a similar strain.

Rear Admiral Robley Evans, commander of the Atlantic fleet, said that when the newspapers of this country stopped making war between Japan and the United States, the people would come to their senses and a better feeling would exist all around.

During the day the Japanese admiral and his retinue visited the navy yard. They spent some time inspecting the different buildings and Admiral Evans' flagship Connecticut.

KOREAN EMPEROR A PRISONER.

Advices Received State that He Is Not to Be Seen.

Philadelphia, Penn.—The dispatch from Seoul, wherein Marquis Ito declares that the Korean king is not a prisoner, is denied by William T. Ellis of this city, who has just returned from a protracted investigation of conditions in the far east. Mr. Ellis says:

"Everybody in Korea, native or foreigner, knows that the emperor is absolutely a prisoner in the Japanese hands. I investigated this point particularly. D. W. Stevens, the foreign adviser to Marquis Ito, told me that the king could not be seen because they had to keep him in 'leading strings.' Not content with this, I got an admission from Marquis Ito's own lips that the king is involuntarily in their hands and he confirmed Mr. Stevens' refusal to let a foreigner see the king. From Koreans close to the throne I learned that the emperor would be very glad to meet any one who could tell his wrongs to the public."

"The king has been a prisoner ever since he refused to sign a treaty accepting a Japanese protectorate and he is not permitted to see even his physician or most intimate friends without a pass from the Japanese. He is confined to his palace and exercises no authority whatever."

Ohio Needs Farm Workers. Columbus, O.—The wheat, oats and rye harvest in Ohio is three weeks late because of the backward season. The farmers throughout central Ohio are sending in to Columbus for farm hands.

Storm Wrecks Circus Tent. Watertown, S. D.—The menagerie tent of the Barnum and Bailey circus was demolished by a storm here. One of the circus employees was killed and three seriously injured by falling poles.

Cloudburst at Vicksburg. Vicksburg, Miss., July 15.—A cloudburst in this city and vicinity did great damage to bridges, growing crops and railroad property. The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad had 3,400 feet of track washed out.

South Dakota Politician Dead. Sioux City, Iowa.—John W. Seney, of Howard, S. D., a prominent lumberman and influential republican politician of South Dakota, died in a hospital here after an illness of several weeks.

NEGRO HOLD-UPS CAUGHT.

Engineer Foils Them By Putting on Full Speed and They Are Captured.

New York, N. Y.—A daring attempt to hold up and rob a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Rahway, N. J., yesterday was frustrated by Engineer William R. Lawrence. The would-be robbers, four negroes, were captured after an automobile chase.

The freight train was approaching Rahway when the engineer saw a signal to stop. When he did so he was surprised to see four negroes jump from behind a clump of bushes and climb on board. One of the men boarded the engine, while the other three got on the train. The negro on the engine ordered that one car be uncoupled from the train and left behind to be ransacked by them. He said there would be trouble if the order was not complied with.

Realizing that a fast express train would be along in a few minutes, the engineer grasped the throttle and sent the train going at full speed, while the negro looked on in amazement. Twice the men tried to jump from the train, but fear of being dashed to death prevented them and they hung on until the train reached the freight yards of the company at Waverly, 12 miles away.

There the men fled into the country, but some policemen who were notified pressed an automobile into service and the negroes were soon overtaken. They gave their names as Joseph Wilson, John Johnson, Norman Tobin and Florence Davis, all of Philadelphia.

JURY FAILED TO AGREE.

Were Investigating Alleged Insanity of Nebraska Murderer.

Lincoln, Neb.—A district court jury, investigating allegations of insanity preferred to save Frank Barker from the hangman, failed to agree and was discharged. The jury stood six to six, half voting for a verdict showing him to be insane. This was the first trial of this sort in the case of a condemned man ever held under the Nebraska law. Barker was convicted of murdering his brother and his brother's wife and sentenced to hang. One attempt at such a trial in his behalf was balked by a reprieve for nearly two years issued by Governor J. H. Mickey. The stay of execution was issued that this hearing might be given. A new hearing has been ordered for September 9, 1907.

KNIGHTS ELECT OFFICERS.

Henry W. Rugg Chosen Grand Master at Sagatta Consistory.

Macon, Ga.—About half of the following officers have been elected by the grand commandery Knights Templar, in session here: Henry W. Rugg of Providence, R. I., Grand Master; Wm. B. Melish, Cincinnati, Deputy Grand Master; Arthur McArthur, Troy, Grand Generalissimo; Frank W. Pierce, Oakland, Cal., Grand Captain General; Leo S. Smith, Pittsburg, Pa., Grand Senior Warden; Joseph Korr, Atlanta, Ga., Grand Junior Warden; H. W. Lines, Meriden, Conn., Grand Treasurer; John A. Gerow, Detroit, Mich., Grand Recorder; George M. Moulton, Chicago, trustee for nine years.

16 Men Hurt in a Wreck.

Somerset, Ky.—Sixteen men were hurt in a wreck on the Queen & Crescent railroad yesterday when a local freight train crashed into a work train near the Tennessee line.

Join Forces Against Nicaragua. Washington, D. C.—The State department received unconfirmed advices that the republics of Guatemala and Salvador have joined forces and are beginning the mobilization of troops to resist any attack that may be made by the Nicaraguan government.

Burglars Blew Safe; Fire Follows. Council Bluffs, Iowa.—Burglars dynamited the safe in the Bluff City laundry office, secured all the cash, amounting to several hundred dollars, and escaped.

Cashier Found Guilty of Fraud. Baltimore, Md.—John W. H. Geller, former cashier of the Canton National bank of this city, was found guilty in the United States court of abstracting and fraudulently using funds of the bank. Sentence was suspended.

Discovered Coal Tar Coloring. London.—Sir William Henry Perkin is dead. He was born in 1838 and founded the coal tar color industry by the discovery of the Mauve dye in 1856.

WINSLOW OBJECTS

DOES NOT LIKE ARTICLES AS THEY WERE PUBLISHED.

WRITES TO SECRETARY OF NAVY

Experience Was Similar to That of Many Other Officers Returning After a Cruise.

Washington, D. C.—As a matter of justice to himself as well as to other naval officers similarly situated, Commander Cameron McR. Winslow has written to the secretary of the navy a letter protesting against the sensational and injurious articles which have been published in some of the newspapers of the country concerning alleged smuggling by himself at the time of his detachment from the U. S. S. Charleston, at San Diego, Cal., July 11 last.

Captain Winslow's experience was similar to that of many other naval officers returning to their own country after a long cruise in foreign waters, in that he was charged with having sought to evade the payment of duties on large quantities of expensive wines and thousands of high grade cigars and other table luxuries as well as on curios of great value secured abroad.

The facts are very different, according to the statement made to the department by Commander Winslow. He said his personal property was necessarily packed in a number of small boxes to facilitate handling. They contained his household effects, such as blankets, bed and table linen, towels, pictures, photographs, books and rugs (in all a considerable quantity and purchased in the United States), and part of the remaining stores which he had on the Charleston as necessary for the cabin mess.

Commander Winslow shows that, so far from making any effort to conceal the landing of these goods, they were, as a matter of fact, landed at the custom house under the eye of a customs representative and sent directly to the railroad station without any thought that this remnant of cabin supplies would be considered dutiable.

When he learned, later in the day, and indirectly, to the contrary, Commander Winslow informed the collector of the nature of the contents of the boxes, adding that he did not believe that they were dutiable, but that if there was the slightest question he preferred to pay the duty in full. He says he supplied a complete list to the collector, and paid in any case where there was a doubt in his own mind as to whether the articles were purchased in New York or a foreign country, the total amount paid being small.

NEWSBOY WINS HIGH HONORS.

Awarded Grand Prize for Cornet Playing by Paris Conservatory.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Ben Yanasek, who, five years ago, sold newspapers on the streets of Milwaukee and played a cornet in a newsboy's band, has been awarded the grand prize for cornet playing by the National Conservatory of Music at Paris, France, an institution supported by the French government. Young Yanasek is said to be the twentieth American in 100 years to be awarded a grand prize at the French institution. The young man was sent abroad by Milwaukee friends four years ago. After studying two years in Leipzig he was admitted to the French conservatory, where he recently completed his course with the highest honors.

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING.

Arizona and Mexican Officials Are Bound Over to Grand Jury.

Douglas, Ariz.—On the charge of kidnapping Manuel Sarabia, alleged to be wanted by the Mexican government from the jail at Douglas on the night of June 30, Antonio Maza, the regularly appointed Mexican consul at this place, was bound over to the territorial grand jury of Cochise county under a bond of \$1,000, having waived his preliminary hearing. Charged with the same offense, Constable A. S. J. Shropshire, Arizona Ranger Samuel Hayhurst and Policeman Lee Thompson were bound over. All gave bond.

Resolutions of Sympathy for Miners.

Detroit, Mich.—The Amalgamated Association of Window Glass Workers, which is holding its annual convention in this city, adopted a resolution of sympathy with Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and voted to give them financial assistance. No amount, however, was fixed in the resolution.

Died in House of Commons.

London.—During a discussion in the house of commons, Sir Alfred Billson, member for the northwest division of Staffordshire, died suddenly from apoplexy.

SCHMITZ LOSES IN MANDAMUS.

District Court Refuses to Force Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

San Francisco, Cal.—The District Court of Appeals refused to grant Mayor Eugene Schmitz a writ of mandamus compelling Judge Dunne to set a date for settlement of the bill of habeas corpus proceedings in the case in which he was convicted of extortion and sentenced to five years in the state prison at San Quentin.

Czar's Portrait Is Stolen.

Berlin.—A valuable portrait of Emperor Nicholas of Russia has been stolen from the Berlin national gallery. The theft was discovered at the hour of closing Tuesday night, when the guardians noticed that the frame which hitherto contained the picture was empty.

American Whist League Opens.

Chicago.—The seventeenth annual congress of the American Whist league opened here with a record-breaking attendance.

TRAITOR'S AWFUL FATE.

Smothered by Streams of Flour After Revealing Clan's Secrets.

Riga, Russia.—Horrible punishment has just been inflicted by revolutionists upon a former member of the band of conspirators against the government, whose treachery led to the discovery of a secret conference and caused the death of many of the revolutionists and arrest of others of the band.

The Central Revolutionary Committee of Courland, Livland and Estland used an old mill just outside of Riga for their meeting place. A man named Spruge, who had broken with the revolutionists, betrayed them to the police. Officers went to the old mill, surrounded the place and called on the revolutionists to surrender. In trying to escape, 30 of the conspirators were shot and killed. Many others were captured.

Spruge's treachery was discovered and other revolutionists decided to kill him by frightful tortures. He was captured and taken to the same mill where the revolutionists had met. There he was tied to the floor and a loose sack with a small hole fastened about his head. A stream of flour was allowed to run through the hole. Ultimately the sack was completely filled and Spruge was slowly smothered. The revolutionaries left the body there with a note of warning to other traitors.

GAMBLER ESCAPES BOMB.

Explosion Nearly Wrecks House, but Family Escapes.

Chicago.—A dynamite bomb arranged with a time fuse, exploded Monday night on the window sill of the "Napoleon room" in the residence of "Blind John" Condon, 223 Michigan avenue. It had been placed there with the intent to murder the family.

Contrary to their usual custom, Mr. and Mrs. Condon and their son, John, were in the upper part of the house when the explosion occurred and thus escaped.

The explosion shook the house to its foundations, tore away the stone wall under the window, which was demolished, and damaged pictures and furniture in the room.

The race horse owner and gambler king put the plot up to his gambling enemies. He said it was a remarkable coincidence that on the day this happened the City of Traverse should have received its death blow, for he is credited with being the mind that engineered the fight on the boat.

The furniture was smashed into kindling wood. One large mahogany chair, in which Mr. Condon usually is found at the library window at the precise hour when the explosion occurred, was left in splinters. Chairs in other rooms were overturned and covered with a fine dust.

TURPENTINE FOR VEEVIL.

Cotton Growers' Experiment Successful in Louisiana.

Alexandria, La.—News of an experiment with turpentine, which has apparently driven the boll weevil from the cotton fields about Coushatta, La., was received here by President Paul Lissou of the First National Bank of Alexandria. An out sack is dipped in a solution of three parts water to one of turpentine. This sack is attached to a plow by suspending it on a pole tied to the plow handles near the beams. The sack is then dragged through the cotton field. The scent of turpentine thus spread in Coushatta has remained on the ground for over a week without renewal and not a weevil or other bug has been found. About one gallon of turpentine was used to every four acres.

SAILS FROM WINTER TO SUMMER.

Remarkable Weather Experienced by Steamship Adriatic.

New York, N. Y.—The great White Star liner Adriatic, which got in Thursday evening from Southampton, Cherbourg and Queenstown, found varieties of abnormal summer weather in her course.

She sailed from Cherbourg on July 3 and while heading for Queenstown the next day ran into a snowstorm that lasted about fifteen minutes. While she was off Sable Island Tuesday night the Adriatic got entangled in an electrical storm that put her wireless out of commission.

A torrential tropical downpour followed, the sky being illuminated. At times the air in the vicinity of the liner was stabbed by the white stiletos of the storm, but the ship herself was immune. Timid passengers went into their cabins and locked the doors.

Girl Shoots Herself.

Marshall, Mo.—Miss Ella Wisdom, aged 20, daughter of C. C. Wisdom, committed suicide here by shooting herself with a revolver.

Railroads Tied Up by Rain.

Lincoln, Neb.—Heavy rainstorms in eastern Nebraska put the railroads out of business and interrupted telegraphic communication. The Burlington reports its line near Papio buried under driftwood from a sudden flood. It reports serious washouts at Ashland, Culim, Lashara and Gretna. Rock Island railroad tracks are under water near Alvo and South Bend. The Burlington's Lincoln line is washed out near Ceresco.

Rob Noble in Dublin Castle.

Dublin, Ireland.—Another theft in Dublin castle is reported. Jewelry valued at \$7,500 belonging to the custodian of the crown jewels, Sir Arthur Vicars, was taken, it is stated, at the same time the jewels of the Order of St. Patrick, valued at \$250,000, were recovered.

Young Missourian Drowned.

Union, Mo.—John May, a young man whose home was at Labadie, this county, was drowned at Goode's Mill, a few miles east of here. The body was recovered.

TO PUNISH HARRIMAN

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S REPORT BLAZES THE WAY.

UNDER THE ACT OF 1884

Decision of U. S. Supreme Court Is Given as Precedent—Merger of Union Pacific and Central Pacific Roads Criminal.

Washington.—The interstate commerce commission points out a plain and direct method by which Edward H. Harriman can be placed in prison for merging the Union and Central Pacific railroads.

The act of 1884 is pointed out as the proper statute under which Mr. Harriman may be criminally reached. The decision of the United States supreme court is given as a precedent. There is no recommendation that prosecution be instituted, as the department of justice is supposed to take action in such matters.

The clear path to criminal prosecution of Mr. Harriman is buried in the long report submitted to the president by the interstate commerce commission, and has been generally overlooked.

It is contained in the following paragraphs under the caption of "Considerations of National Policy."

"It is a matter of large significance that our trade relations with the newly acquired territory of Hawaii and our Philippine dependencies, to say nothing whatever of the newly awakened lands on the other side of the Pacific ocean, must depend to no slight degree upon the competitive relations between rail carriers reaching our Pacific coast ports.

"There is a further consideration of national policy arising out of the history of the Union Pacific—the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific roads which distinguishes a combination of such roads. The Union Pacific and the Central Pacific were born out of national sentiment and need. The nation felt the necessity for rail connection to its isolated Pacific coast territory, and for this purpose, and in an unprecedented degree, pledged its own credit and donated its own lands to create a national highway between the Missouri river and the Bay of San Francisco. In every statute passed by congress affecting these two roads there is to be found proof of the existence of such policy. They were to be built toward each other—one from the east and the other from the west—and were to form one continuous line, which was to remain for all time available to the business and governmental necessities of our people.

Can Be Imprisoned.

"Under the act of June 20, 1874: 'Any officer or agent of the companies' (Central Pacific, Western Pacific, Union Pacific, Kansas City & Denver Pacific) authorized to construct the aforesaid roads, or of any company engaged in operating either of said roads, who shall refuse to operate and use the road or telegraph under his control or which he is engaged in operating for all purposes of communication, travel and transportation, so far as the public and the government are concerned, as one continuous line, or shall refuse to afford operation and use to afford and secure to each of said roads equal advantages and facilities as to rates, time and transportation without any discrimination of any kind in favor of or adverse to the road or business of any or either or said companies, is deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by fine not exceeding \$1,000, and by imprisonment of not less than six months.

"The fact that the Union Pacific and Central Pacific companies were thereafter separately reorganized under the laws of Utah and acquired these lines does not relieve them from the public organizations imposed by the acts of congress—Union Pacific Railroad Co. vs. Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad Co., 199 U. S. 169.

"The Union Pacific was, therefore, forever guaranteed without, purchase and a connection with the Central Pacific upon terms as favorable as might be given to any other connection."

Oklahoma Convention Adjourns.

Guthrie, Okla.—The constitutional convention will adjourn until Sept. 16, the day before the election, for the ratification of the document. It was announced that the parchment copy will be filed with territorial secretary.

Charged with Killing Four Men.

Denver, Col.—William Drew, alias W. A. Johnson, charged with having shot and killed three white men and one negro at a grading camp near Betton, Ill., last September, was arrested in Denver.

Washington Americans' Park Burns.

Washington.—The clubhouse and part of the grandstand at the American league baseball park, Seventh street and Florida avenue, northwest, was destroyed by fire and a number of small buildings in the vicinity were also damaged.

Waterspout at Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kas.—A waterspout caused damage within a radius of 15 miles of Leavenworth estimated at half a million dollars. Nearly six inches of rain fell.

To Settle Schmitz Bill July 30.

San Francisco.—Judge Dunne fixed July 30 as the day on which he will settle the exceptions in the case of Schmitz. The Halsey case was continued to next Wednesday and a similar order was made in the Parkside case.

Platt Celebrates 74th Birthday.

New York.—United States Senator T. C. Platt celebrated his 74th birthday at the Oriental hotel at Manhattan Beach in accordance with his custom for a number of years.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

St. Louis Brokers Held.

Mexico—William Ruck and Gratz Wyatt, president and secretary, respectively, of the Colonial Grain and Stock Company of St. Louis, who conducted an office here, and who were arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Bass. They took a change of venue to the court of Justice Dudley, who placed their bond at \$4,500 each to await the action of the grand jury.

Dies Suddenly at Marshall.

Marshall—Major Richard W. Nicols died suddenly of heart disease at his home in this city. Mr. Nicols, who was 72 years old, was prominently connected with General Price's army during the civil war, and had been commander of the John S. Marmaduke camp of ex-Confederates in this city for several years. He was born in Howard county, was a gifted orator and had been a leading democrat.

Heat Kills Missouri Editor.

Salem—At his residence in this city John C. Pugh, aged 58 years, died of dysentery, caused by overheating. Mr. Pugh founded the Salem Leader about seventeen years ago, and continued in editorial and business charge until it finally suspended publication last year. He has for some time been in bad health, but had sufficiently recovered to be considering a return to newspaper work.

Bryan Opens Second Chautauqua.

Columbia—W. J. Bryan opened the second annual Chautauqua here with a speech on the "Average Man in Politics." A large crowd of farmers was here to hear him. This is a democratic stronghold, and the supporters of Mr. Bryan's doctrines became very enthusiastic at his arraignment of the trusts. The Chautauqua will continue ten days.

Suitor Shoots Man, Kills Self.

Kennett—At the home of Robert Pelts, seven miles south of here, Will Ford, a farm hand, tried to kill Harrison Ball, a farmer, shooting him twice, and a half hour later committed suicide. The trouble was over Mrs. Prince, widowed sister of Ball, to whom Ford had been attentive, and she and her brother discouraged his suit.

Town Burns Water Bonds.

Clinton—At a special meeting of the city council a committee of five was appointed to count and destroy the \$70,000 issue of bonds voted some months ago to build municipal waterworks. The bonds were found to be illegal, and were counted and burned by the committee in the presence of a large number of citizens.

Negro Attacks Little Girl.

Sedalia—Clarence Taylor, an 18-year-old negro, attacked Ruby Rideout, 11 years old, at Windsor. The attack was made at the Rideout home at an early hour in the morning. The negro dragged the girl from her bed to a clothes closet where her cries alarmed the family. Taylor was captured.

Four Years for Bigamist.

Springfield—Herbert Hahn, a young man who lives at Butler, Mo., was found guilty of bigamy at Greenfield and sentenced to four years in prison. Hahn's arrest was caused by wife No. 1, whom he married at Butler on December 8 last and deserted two months later. On February 28 he was married to Miss Katie Snell of Greenfield, having met her in Kansas City.

Missouri Mason Hangs Himself.

Grant City—Joseph C. Matteson, 85 years old, committed suicide at his home in this city by hanging. He was probably the oldest Odd Fellow and Mason in the state. He joined the former order at Wootton, O., in February, 1847, and the Masonic lodge at the same place in September of the same year.

New Military Company Formed.

Hannibal—A company of Hannibal National Guards has